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Letter dated 11 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 7 to 11 May 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 11 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (7 May 2017)

The operational situation in the areas covered by the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic has been assessed as stable by all opposing sides.

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 18 incidents of gunfire: 10 in Damascus, 3 in Ladhiqiyah, 3 in Dar'a and 2 in Hama. The Turkish representative office has reported 15 violations: 7 in Hama, 3 in Dar'a, 3 in Homs and 2 in Damascus.

Incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

A group of fighters shelling government troop positions near Zallaqiyat (21 km north-west of Hama) was the most flagrant violation reported by the Russian representative office.

The Turkish representative office has confirmed that the fighters near Zallaqiyat belonged to the Nusrah Front terrorist group and has agreed to prompt action being taken to restore the ceasefire regime.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (8 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 19 incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: 10 in Damascus, 4 in Ladhiqiyah, 4 in Hama and 1 in Dar'a.

The Turkish representative office has reported five violations: four in Damascus governorate and one in Dar'a governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Regarding the previously reported firefight near Zallaqiyat (21 km north-west of Hama), the Russian representative office requested the Turkish representative office to appeal to opposition-controlled armed groups not to respond to terrorist provocations against Syrian government troops.

The Turkish representative office notified the Russian representative office that it had urged the leaders of the opposition not to respond to provocations from the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has delivered six tons of drinking water to the local population in Aleppo governorate.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 1,880 people.

In total, 1,181 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

One United Nations humanitarian operation was carried out: the Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted a total of 21 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products) near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, four ceasefire agreements have been signed with Habab in Dar'a governorate, Matallah in Damascus governorate, and Sahitah and Kanif in Qunaytirah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,483.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 213.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (9 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 12 incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: 4 in Ladhiqiyah, 3 in Damascus, 3 in Hama and 2 in Dar'a.

The Turkish representative office has reported two violations: one in Damascus governorate and one in Hama governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out six humanitarian operations, including:

- Four operations carried out in Aleppo city, delivering 4.8 tons of drinking water to the local population
- One ton of food products delivered to the local population in Damascus city
- Two tons of food packages delivered to Suwayda' governorate.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo was 7.8 tons.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 2,494 people.

In total, 1,187 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

One United Nations humanitarian operation was carried out: the Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted a total of 21 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products) near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, nine ceasefire agreements have been signed with Judayyah in Dar'a governorate and with Kursiyan, Rujm al-Qatt, Khuraybah, Barnan, Hawa, Judaydat Nawwaf, Umm Halahil and Sha'arah in Idlib governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,492.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 213.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (10 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 12 incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: 7 in Damascus, 4 in Ladhiqiyah and 1 in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported eight violations: five in Hama governorate and three in Damascus governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out four humanitarian operations in Aleppo governorate, delivering 4.8 tons of drinking water to the local population.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 1,507 people.

In total, 1,191 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

One United Nations humanitarian operation was carried out: the Russian airline Abakan Air parachuted a total of 21 tons of humanitarian cargo (food products) near to the city of Dayr-al-Zawr.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, three ceasefire agreements have been signed with Tarmala in Idlib governorate and with Majdal Shams and Sidyana in Qunaytirah governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 1,495.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

Over the past 24 hours, five ceasefire application forms have been signed with the leaders of illegal armed groups.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire has increased to 218.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on observance of the ceasefire regime (11 May 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

Over the past 24 hours, the Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported eight incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: three in Damascus, two in Ladhiqiyah, two in Hama and one in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported three violations: two in Hama governorate and one in Damascus governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out two humanitarian operations in Aleppo governorate, delivering 1.7 tons of food products to the local population.

Humanitarian assistance was provided to 840 people.

In total, 1,193 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

One United Nations humanitarian convoy was conducted to Tall Shihab and Kahil in Dar'a governorate.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 1,495.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 218.